

What is claimed is:

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5 1. A printer for selecting one of a plurality of trays based on printing job data from a host device and printing on a paper stored therein, comprising

an alternative table for registering paper information including at least a paper size or a paper type for one tray according to a predetermined indication; and

10 a tray selection unit for selecting the tray corresponding to the printing job data based on the alternative table in the case where the paper corresponding to the paper information specified by the printing job data is not stored in any one of the plurality of trays.

15 2. The printer according to claim 1, wherein the indication is given in the case where the paper corresponding to the paper information specified by the printing job data is not stored in any one of the plurality of trays, and the paper information specified by the printing job data is not registered
20 for the alternative table.

25 3. The printer according to claim 2, wherein the tray selection unit selects a tray specified by the printing job data based on the indication.

4. The printer according to claim 2, wherein the tray selection unit selects a tray specified by the indication.

5. The printer according to claim 1, wherein the paper information specified by the printing job data is registered for the tray specified by the printing job data in the alternative table according to the indication.

6. The printer according to claim 1, wherein the paper information specified by the printing job data is registered for the tray specified by the indication.

7. The printer according to claim 1, wherein, in case where the paper information of a paper stored in at least one of the plurality of trays is changed, the registered content of the alternative table is cleared.

8. The printer according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of pieces of paper information is registered for one tray in the alternative table.

9. The printer according to claim 1, wherein, in the case where the printer is connected to a plurality of host devices, the alternative table is provided in each host device and the tray selection unit selects one of the plurality of alternative tables based on host device identification information included in the printing job data.

10. The printer according to claim 1, further comprising:

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a transmission unit for transmitting an alternative printing confirmation request for the host device if a tray is selected from the alternative table; and

5 a reception unit for receiving a confirmation notice from the host device,

wherein after reception of the confirmation notice, a paper stored in the tray selected is printed.

11. The printer according to claim 1, further comprising:

10 a transmission unit for transmitting a paper disagreement error information to the host device in the case where the paper corresponding to the paper information specified by the printing job data is not stored in any one of the plurality of trays, and the paper information specified by the printing job data is not registered for the alternative
15 table; and

a reception unit for receiving the indication from the host device in response to the paper disagreement error information.

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12. The printer according to claim 1, wherein the alternative table is stored in a nonvolatile memory.